

### **INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury Charges:

Count One
Sexual Exploitation of a Child
(Violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e))

Between on or about July 30, 2010, and on or about March 15, 2012, in the Wichita Falls Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant **Ricky Dale Howard** did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice and coerce a minor, MV1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct, and the visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer and the visual depiction was actually transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and mailed.

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Specifically, **Howard** used an Acer laptop computer, serial number LXPWJ020010171DE3B1601, to produce the following visual depiction of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct:

File Name	Description of File
Carved [23962575].jpeg	MV1 is lying on his back, nude, with his genitals exposed in a lewd and lascivious manner. Ricky Howard's hand is on MV1's erect penis.
Carved [13958737].jpeg	MV1 is lying on his back, nude, with his genitals exposed in a lewd and lascivious manner while Ricky Howard bends over towards MV1's erect penis.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e).

## Count Two Receipt of Child Pornography (Violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2)(A) and (b)(1))

On or about March 2, 2012, in the Wichita Falls Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant **Ricky Dale Howard** did knowingly receive an item of child pornography using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce that had been shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

Specifically, **Howard** used the Internet and an Acer laptop computer, serial number LXPWJ020010171DE3B1601, to receive the following described file depicting child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8)(A):

File	Description of the image
Carved [20070985].jpeg	This file depicts a minor male nude from the waist down with his genitals displayed in a lewd and lascivious manner.
Carved [12063928].jpeg	This image depicts two prepubescent males, completely nude, with their hands touching the other male's penis, in a lewd and lascivious manner.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2)(A) and (b)(1).

## Count Three Possession of Child Pornography (Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2))

On or about September 1, 2015, in the Wichita Falls Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant **Ricky Dale Howard**, did knowingly possess any material that contained an image of child pornography that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer and that was produced using materials that have been mailed, shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, Specifically, **Howard**, possessed an Acer laptop computer, serial number LXPWJ020010171DE3B1601, containing the following described files of minors, to include visual depictions of a prepubescent minor, engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8)(A):

File Designation	Description of File
Carved [20015856].jpeg	This image depicts an adult male with his mouth on the penis of a prepubescent male who is displaying his middle finger at the camera.
Carved [13171558].jpeg	This image depicts an adult male with his mouth on the penis of a prepubescent male.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2).

## Count Four Accessing Child Pornography (Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2))

On or about July 19, 2013, in the Wichita Falls Division of the Northern District of Texas, defendant **Ricky Dale Howard** did knowingly access with intent to view an item that contained an image of child pornography that has been mailed, shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, including by computer.

Specifically, **Howard** used the Internet and a Western Digital hard drive, serial number WCASY7950929, to access with intent to view the following described files of minors, to include visual depictions of a prepubescent minor, engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8)(A):

File Designation	Description of File
103f7d2036[redacted].jpg	This file depicts a prepubescent male lying back while a second prepubescent male has his mouth on the penis of the prepubescent male lying back.
31f1da1604[redacted].jpg	This file depicts a prepubescent male's penis in the hand of another person, and the prepubescent male's penis is displayed in a lewd and lascivious manner.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2).

A TRUE BILL.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WICHITA FALLS DIVISION

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

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18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2)(A) and (b)(1) Receipt of Child Pornography Count 2

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2) Possession of Child Pornography Count 3

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2) Accessing Child Pornography Count 4

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